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Driver Involved in Redondo Beach Pursuit Charged with Assaulting Police

A man who led police on a pursuit through Redondo Beach and San Pedro was charged today with assaulting an officer, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Thomas Mark Dallaire (dob 9/30/80) of Walnut faces one felony count each of assault upon a peace officer; assault with a deadly weapon, a car; fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly; driving or taking a vehicle without consent and hit and run driving resulting in injury to another person.

Dallaire pleaded not guilty today and is scheduled back on Dec. 29 in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch.

Case YA095328 includes allegations that Dallaire was convicted of first-degree residential burglary in 2008 and grand theft of personal property and second-degree commercial burglary in 2010.

The defendant is charged with leading police on a pursuit on Dec. 10, prosecutors said. During the pursuit, Dallaire allegedly crashed into another car and then aimed his vehicle at an officer approaching him, prosecutors added. An officer-involved shooting ensued and the defendant was injured.

The pursuit allegedly continued until Dallaire's car malfunctioned near Leland and 17th streets, prosecutors said.

The case remains under investigation by the Redondo Beach and Los Angeles police departments.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.